

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

1/17/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.9

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to environmental bills in the 2019 session

WHEREAS, the DPLC passed resolution 2014.04 against neonicotinoid use in Lane County, and Rep. Marty Wilde has introduced HB 2619 which prohibits the sale, purchase, or use of neonicotinoids in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Oregon has a thriving organic farming industry which could be put in jeopardy by unwanted contamination from genetically engineered organisms; and

WHEREAS, Sens. Lew Frederick and James Manning have introduced SB 434, which allows a person with a legal interest in an area of land to bring action against a patent holder or manufacturer of a genetically engineered organism that has been found on the land without permission; and

WHEREAS, the DPLC platform calls on us to educate the public about the hazards of hydraulic fracturing; and

WHEREAS, Reps. Julie Fahey and Ken Helm and Sen. James Manning have introduced HB 2623 to prohibit the use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas exploration or production; and

WHEREAS, the DPLC platform calls on us to support herbicide aerial spray bans, and aerial application of pesticides creates similar hazards; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Paul Holvey, Tawna Sanchez, and Marty Wilde have introduced HB 2493 to prohibit aerial pesticide application in the McKenzie & Santiam watersheds;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To encourage Lane County legislators to vote in support of -

- a. HB 2619 - Prohibits use of neonicotinoids;
- b. SB 434 - Allows legal remedy for economic damages caused by GMO contamination;
- c. HB 2623 - Prohibits use of hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas exploration & production;
- d. HB 2583 - Prohibits aerial pesticide application in McKenzie & Santiam watersheds;

SECTION 2: To communicate our support of these bills to the appropriate committees and to the Members of the Oregon Senate and Oregon House of Representatives..

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, January 17, 2019**